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Palmerston fastest growing region

The population of the Local Government Area of Palmerston in the Northern Territory grew by 5.1% per annum between 2004-05 and 2008-09 to 29,346, making it the fastest growing Local Government Area, according to the latest National Regional Profiles, released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

National Regional Profiles use a Google Maps based interface to make it easier to find information on Local Government Areas and other types of regions across Australia.

The regional profiles now include information not in previous releases, including tourist accommodation and additional government payments. This adds to the existing economic and social data such as income, age, occupations, building and agriculture.

NT highlights in today's release include:

Palmerston also recorded the second highest average value of private sector houses in 2008-09 (\$320,800), behind Darwin Local Government Area (\$400,200). This was an increase of around 43% from 2004-05 (\$224,000).

There was a 23.8% increase in the number of people receiving Baby Bonus payments in Palmerston between 2004-05 and 2008-09, to 577 in 2008-09.

The Local Government Areas of Darwin, Alice Springs and Litchfield had the largest number of registered passenger vehicles per 1,000 population in the Northern Territory in 2009. In comparison, the Northern Territory had 359 passenger vehicles per 1,000 population.

However, Litchfield Local Government Area had the largest number of total registered vehicles per 1,000 population in the Northern Territory in 2009 with 801, compared to Darwin with 752.

Further information is available in National Regional Profiles on the ABS website www.abs.gov.au.

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